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rise in opposition to Senator Chambers' amendment. It completely, as he said himself, turns the bill upside down, and it's an amendment that I just cannot accept when we say they...are not valid, it just completely destroys the bill, and I would certainly urge the body not to vote for this particular amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I would like to ask Senator Jensen some questions because he did insist on staying here, it is his bill, and I would like to ask him some questions if he will answer. Senator Jensen.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Jensen, will you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, why do you think it is a good thing to have grown men married to little girls, bringing them to Nebraska because the marriage will be recognized here? You were saying you want to prohibit recognition of same sex marriages because you don't want people from Nebraska to go to whatever state might allow it, although none do now, and come back to Nebraska. But you don't feel that way. See, these are adults we're talking about in the same sex situation. The one I'm talking about it a little girl and a grown man. Why is it that you want a grown man to be able to take a little girl someplace and marry her and bring her back to Nebraska?

SENATOR JENSEN: Senator Chambers, that was not the purpose of this bill, and I think you recognize that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, but your purpose, Senator Jensen, was to refuse to recognize any of those marriages that Nebraska says is void. Isn't that what your purpose was when you brought the bill?

SENATOR JENSEN: My purpose was to keep the status quo in Nebraska that we've had for over 130 years.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, am I to be able to understand what your purpose is from the bill that you bring? In other words, can I read what you put in your bill and understand what